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Applicant : Mathur, et al. Art Unit : 1652
Serial No. : 09/202,681 Examiner : Richard Hutson, Ph.D.
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Title : PHOSPHATASES, POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING THEM AND
METHODS OF MAKING AND USING THEM (amended)

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed December 18, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due on March 18, 2004. Applicants herein submit a petition for a two month extension of time to May 18, 2004, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter and Petition for extension of time;
- Fee Transmittal;
- Example 14 of USPTO Written Description Guidelines;
- Rule 132 declaration by Dr. Jay Short and resume;
- Facsimile cover sheet.

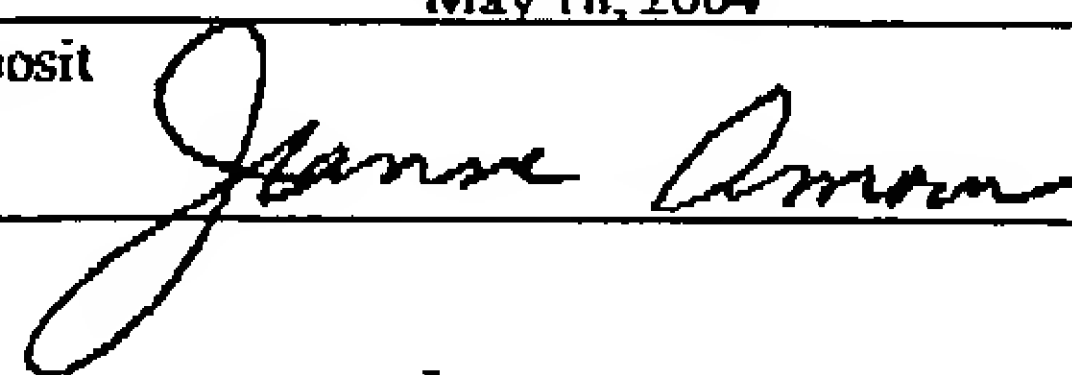
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